

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method in a data processing system for disabling collection of history information on a browser, the method comprising:
receiving a user input; and
responsive to receiving the user input, disabling

10 history recording processes associated with the browser.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the user input is one of a selection of a button, a selection of a menu option, or setting of a preference.

15 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the preference is to disable the history recording processes when the browser is started.

20 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the preference is to disable the history recording processes when a selected Web site is visited.

25 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the history recording processes includes at least one of a disk cache process, a history list process, and a cookie storage process.

30 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the history recording process is disabled for a single session.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the user input is the entry of a selected user identification.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the selected user identification is a temporary user identification.

5 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the history recording processes are those for a particular domain.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the disabling step includes removing any history information recorded by the
10 browser.

11. A method in a data processing system for disabling collection of history information in a browser, the method comprising:

15 responsive to receiving a particular Web page, displaying an option to prevent recording a history; and responsive to a user input selecting the option, disabling processes used to record the history.

20 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the history includes at least one of a disk cache, a history list, and a cookie file.

25 13. The method of claim 11, wherein the displaying step is performed using a script.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the script is a JavaScript embedded in the Web page.

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15. The method of claim 11 further comprising:
responsive to a user input selecting the option,
removing any history information associated with the Web
page.

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16. A method in a data processing system for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the method comprising:

responsive to a selected event, displaying an identification of sessions; and

responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, discarding history information for the session.

15 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the selected event
is a termination of a browser session.

18. A method in a data processing system for selectively preventing collection of history information on a

20 browser, the method comprising:

responsive to a selected event, displaying an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected; and

responsive to receiving a user inputted selecting a domain from the identification of domains, discarding history information for the domain.

19. The method of 18, wherein the selected event is a termination of a browser session.

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20. A data processing system comprising:
a bus system;
a communications unit connected to the bus system;
a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the
5 memory includes a set of instructions; and
a processing unit connected to the bus system,
wherein the processing unit executes the set of
instructions to receive a user input; disable history
recording processes associated with the browser in
10 response to receiving the user input.

21. A data processing system comprising:
a bus system;
a communications unit connected to the bus system;
15 a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the
memory includes a set of instructions; and
a processing unit connected to the bus system,
wherein the processing unit executes the set of
instructions to display an option to prevent recording a
20 history in response to receiving a particular Web page;
and disable processes used to record the history in
response to a user input selecting the option.

22. A data processing system comprising:
25 a bus system;
a communications unit connected to the bus system;
a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the
memory includes a set of instructions; and
a processing unit connected to the bus system,
30 wherein the processing unit executes the set of
instructions to display an identification of sessions in
response to a selected event; and discard history

information for the session in response to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions.

- 5 23. A data processing system comprising:
 - a bus system;
 - a communications unit connected to the bus system;
 - a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and
- 10 a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to display an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected in response to a selected event; and discard history
- 15 information for the domain in response to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains.
24. A data processing system for disabling collection of history information on a browser, the data processing system comprising:
 - receiving means for receiving a user input; and
 - disabling means, responsive to receiving the user input, for disabling history recording processes
- 25 associated with the browser.
25. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the user input is one of a selection of a button, a selection of a menu option, or setting of a preference.

26. The data processing system of claim 25, wherein the preference is to disable the history recording processes when the browser is started.

5 27. The data processing system of claim 25, wherein the preference is to disable the history recording processes when a selected Web site is visited.

10 28. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the history recording processes includes at least one of a disk cache process, a history list process, and a cookie storage process.

15 29. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the history recording process is disabled for a single session.

20 30. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the user input is the entry of a selected user identification.

25 31. The data processing system of claim 30, wherein the selected user identification is a temporary user identification.

30 32. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the history recording processes are those for a particular domain.

30 33. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the disabling step includes removing any history information recorded by the browser.

34. A data processing system for disabling collection of history information in a browser, the data processing system comprising:

5 displaying means, responsive to receiving a particular Web page, for displaying an option to prevent recording a history; and

10 disabling means, responsive to a user input selecting the option, for disabling processes used to record the history.

35. The data processing system of claim 34, wherein the history includes at least one of a disk cache, a history list, and a cookie file.

15 36. The data processing system of claim 34, wherein the displaying means is performed using a script.

20 37. The data processing system of claim 36, wherein the script is a JavaScript embedded in the Web page.

38. The data processing system of claim 34 further comprising:

25 removing means, responsive to a user input selecting the option, for removing any history information associated with the Web page.

30 39. A data processing system for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the data processing system comprising:

displaying means, responsive to a selected event, for displaying an identification of sessions; and

discarding means, responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, for discarding history information for the session.

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40. The data processing system of claim 39, wherein the selected event is a termination of a browser session.

41. A data processing system for selectively preventing 10 collection of history information on a browser, the data processing system comprising:

displaying means, responsive to a selected event, for displaying an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected; and

15 discarding means, responsive to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains, for discarding history information for the domain.

20 42. The data processing system of 41, wherein the selected event is a termination of a browser session.

43. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for disabling collection of history information on 25 a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving a user input; and
second instructions, responsive to receiving the user input, for disabling history recording processes associated with the browser.

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44. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for disabling collection of history information in

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a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions, responsive to receiving a particular Web page, for displaying an option to prevent recording a history; and

5 second instructions, responsive to a user input selecting the option, for disabling processes used to record the history.

45. A computer program product in a computer readable
10 medium for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions, responsive to a selected event, for displaying an identification of sessions; and

15 second instructions, responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, for discarding history information for the session.

20 46. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions, responsive to a selected event,
25 for displaying an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected; and

30 second instructions, responsive to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains, for discarding history information for the domain.

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